

English I Syllabus

The following is a list of assignments and activities that you can expect to see during your semester in Miss Romito's English I class.

- **Daily Bell Ringers** – Worth 10 points apiece as long as they are completed. Done every day at the beginning of class. (These add up to over 500 points total by the end of the semester so don't slack off on them. They could save your grade!!!)
- **Weekly Vocabulary/Vocabulary Quizzes** – each Wednesday you will get 10 new words to learn. You will have to know the definition, spelling, and part of speech. A weekly vocabulary quiz worth 30 points will be administered the following Wednesday. At the end of the semester, part of the final will be over all the words we learn week by week, so learn the words and don't throw away your notes. (Warning – the vocabulary part of the final is 75% of the final, so don't slack off on learning your words!)
- Read 2 Novels
 - Staying Fat for Sarah Byrnes
 - To Kill a Mockingbird
- Common Core English Standards Based Assignments
- Essays/Writing Assignments
- Six-trait Writing
- Finals

The following is the make-up policies that you will need to follow for assignments missed due to absence.

- Students are responsible for making up missing assignments for the days on which they are absent. A place has been designated for them to check what happened on the day(s) on which they were absent and to pick up whatever handouts/assignments they missed. The students will know where to find these things and should be active in checking this place upon returning to school. Miss Romito will not remind the students. **The student has as many days as they were absent to make up the work (i.e. 1 day absence = 1 day to make-up work; 3 days absence = 3 days to make-up work).**
- **My schedule, contact information, class information and make-up work can be found online at <http://romitoyoungker.wikispaces.com>**

Additionally, you will need the following items for my class:

- 3 Ring Binder, 1 inch at least

- 5 Dividers, Tabbed
- Highlighters
 - Orange
 - Green
 - Yellow
- Loose leaf Paper
 - **NO SPIRAL NOTEBOOKS!!**
- Writing Utensils

As per the revised district technology agreement, I will allow the use of electronics (cell phones, tablets, mp3 players etc.) in my classroom **AT MY DISCRETION**. I am looking forward to developing a classroom and curriculum that integrates technology. However, use of the electronic devices will be dictated by me and does not give the students free reign to use those devices whenever they want. **I take no responsibility for any electronic devices used in my classroom. Students are fully responsible for being aware of and taking care of their own devices. Any device that is stolen or broken is not the responsibility of Miss Romito, but of the student it belongs to.**

Grading is weighted and all assignments will fall under the following three categories:

- Classwork: 30%
- Tests: 30%
- Essays: 40%

My contact information is hromito@buhisd.org and 623-474-0230. However, this first semester I have no prep period, so email is definitely the best bet for getting a hold of me as I have little to no time to receive or return phone calls. For missing assignments, please refer to my website.